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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 613



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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MARCH 2016 AS "AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH" IN MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, in Mississippi, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need. American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes - those selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members; and

WHEREAS, these heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their life-saving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning, or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated from measles and rubella; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the
American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact,
every eight minutes the organization responds to a community
disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other
necessities to those affected. It collects 40 percent of the
nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military
members, veterans and their families; teaches millions life-saving
skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring
Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis,
conflict, or migration; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby proclaim March 2016 as "American Red Cross Month" in the State of Mississippi, commend this organization for its noble humanitarian mission and welcome representatives of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross on the occasion of "Red Cross Day at the Capitol" on March 3, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to

the Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

March 2,

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 9, 2016

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES